

# Save the Date!

June 8-9, 2015 The 35th Annual MASP Summer Institute

## Tough Kids

### Presenter

MASP is pleased to announce that **Dr. William R. Jenson** will return to Montana for a two-day workshop focusing on the practical management of behaviorally disordered and emotionally disturbed students (BD/SED), a topic he has studied extensively and that he approaches with humor and pragmatism.

### Description

Students with behavioral and emotional disorders are frequently referred to as “tough kids” because they exhibit strong behavioral excesses such as arguing, noncompliance, and aggression while at the same time they possess significant behavioral deficits in self-management, social skills, and academic skills. This presentation will review what causes “tough kid” behavior, how to practically assess it, and strategies to remediate it.

An emphasis will be placed on proactive approaches and positive behavior management interventions. Strategies to decrease the behavioral excesses of noncompliance and arguing will be included as well. In addition, information will be presented on how to get other people, such as parents and other educators, to follow through and implement these techniques. Attendees will be treated to an introduction of two new programs, the Tough Kid Bully Blockers program and the Superheroes Social Skills Program for High Functioning Autistic Children. All the strategies to be presented are research-validated interventions that can be time efficiently implemented in classrooms at low cost.

### Topics

- Understanding the common problems of children with emotional and behavior disorders
- Practical assessment and evidence-based practice for behavior disorders
- A general model for Tough Kids
- Increasing positives in classrooms
- Using reductive techniques
- Advanced systems for classroom applications
- Whole school positive discipline program

- Principal's 200 Club
- Working with parents and families of Tough Kids

### **Intended Audiences**

- School Psychologists
- Teachers
- Counselors
- Social Workers
- Mental Health Practitioners
- Regular and Special Education Teachers
- School Administrators
- Parents and care-givers

### **Credit Available**

- OPI Renewal credits (12)
- Continuing Professional Development credits (12)
- Billings Public School Step-Up credit (1)

### **Location**

Mansfield Health Education Center, Billings, Montana

### **Other Information**

Early Bird and student discounts will be offered. Details will appear on the [MASP website](#) in March.

To qualify for the student discount, you must be actively enrolled in an accredited degree program in school psychology or a closely related field.

### **About MASP**

A key aspect of the mission of the Montana Association of School Psychologists (MASP) is to promote the educational and mental health needs of all children and youth. The MASP Summer Institute serves educators and other professionals who work with children and youth by offering professional development opportunities that bridge the latest research findings with real-world practice.

### **More Information**

Contact Rick Bartsch at 406-855-4277 or consult the [MASP Website](#).